

31. The method of claim 26 further comprising:
receiving payment information from said at least one participant said payment
information identifying a credit card account, passing said credit card account information to a
clearinghouse and receiving authorization from said clearinghouse that payment with said credit
card information has cleared.

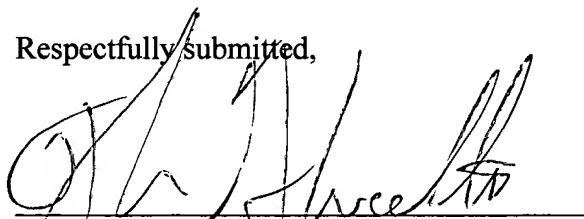
32. The method of claim 26 further comprising:
receiving payment information from said at least one participant; clearing said payment
information and transferring legal ownership of said item from said at least one participant.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the grammar and form of the
application and thereby facilitate the prosecution thereof. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or
credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,


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